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**Brooklyn Construction Company and Owners Plead Guilty to Failing to Pay
Employees Nearly \$130,000 in Wages**

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson today announced that a Brooklyn construction company, Arch Builders & Developers, Inc., has pleaded guilty to grand larceny for stealing nearly \$130,000 in wages earned by four employees, and its owners pleaded guilty to violating state labor law.

Between November 2013 and March 2014, the company contracted with the New York City School Construction Authority to perform work at schools in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Queens. The defendants falsely certified that four mason tenders had been paid at the prevailing wage, but an investigation found that they had been paid only a fraction of what they were owed. As part of the plea agreement, the company has paid the workers all of the wages that they earned and investigation costs. They are also now banned from receiving city contracts for five years.

District Attorney Thompson said, "These defendants got lucrative city contracts designed to assist small and minority owned businesses and then shamelessly stole money from their own employees. In Brooklyn, we simply will not allow workers to have their hard earned wages stolen from them. So, let these guilty pleas serve clear notice that we will go after any employer who thinks that they can get away with stealing their employees' wages. Those days are over with."